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Dear Mr. Kevin J. Martin:

On behalf of the Dallas Independent School District, Human Development Department, thank you for sending us a "Van Hit" from your radio station. We chose your station because it appeals to a diverse audience mirroring many of employees here in the district.

The "Van Hit" was one of the highlights of the event. The music got everyone excited and drew many more employees to attend the event. The radio personalities were friendly, fun and easy to work with. Our employees enjoyed meeting them.

Thank you for the supporting our "Walk A Mile" Event. Without your contribution, the event could not have been a success.

We appreciate you.

Sincerely,


Diedrae Bell-Hunter



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DISD Staff 'Walk a Mile' for Orphans' Shoes

By Jenny Pope
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Victoria Calder, center, and other members of the DISD staff development event planning committee help count the collected shoes.

(DALLAS, Texas) – Dallas Independent School District staff and personnel put the American proverb to practice May 9 when they gathered to 'Walk a Mile in My Shoes' and collect new athletic shoes for Dallas students and orphans around the world.

Staff collected 170 pairs of new shoes and 53 pairs of socks at the staff development event, which was created to promote diversity, philanthropy and exercise. More donations are expected to be gathered in bins positioned throughout the school district's facilities in the coming weeks.

The event was organized by Staff Development Coordinator Victoria Calder, who first heard about Shoes for

Orphan Souls after reading a news article in the Dallas Morning News.

"When I read that article, I thought, 'We've got to do something to help them,'" she said. "More than 75 percent of our student population is on free or reduced lunch. And this summer, we're expecting to receive 400 immigrants. Many of them come without shoes."



Following a welcome and warm-up exercise, DISD staff walked from the administration building to a nearby park.

Half of the collected shoes are designated to go back to DISD students; the other half will be distributed as needed in the United States or in countries abroad.

Jim Mullins, a plumber with the DISD Service Center, brought eight pairs of shoes to the event to represent eight members of his team.

"I think it's great that y'all are doing this," he said. "I feel blessed by my own abundance in my life. So I'm happy to do something for the less fortunate. If a child's in need, those of us who are able to help should do so in any way they can."

Ways You Can Help

Pray for Shoes for Orphan

Please pray for the children in orphanages throughout the world and those individuals who are working to collect shoes.

Donate to Shoes for Orphan

Your gift will provide a pair of shoes to a needy child overseas. Many children have never owned a pair of shoes.

Volunteer with Shoes for Orphan Souls

Volunteers are needed to transport shoes to the children and to deliver the shoes to the children. We also need volunteers to host shoe drives and to help process shoes.

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